

1 **Rule 4-202.02. Records Classification.**

2 **Intent:**

3 To classify court records as public or non-public.

4 **Applicability:**

5 This rule applies to the judicial branch.

6 **Statement of the Rule:**

7 (1) **Presumption of Public Court Records.** Court records are public unless otherwise  
8 classified by this rule.

9 (2) **Public Court Records.** Public court records include but are not limited to:

- 10 (2)(A) abstract of a citation that redacts all non-public information;
- 11 (2)(B) aggregate records without non-public information and without personal  
12 identifying information;
- 13 (2)(C) appellate filings, including briefs;
- 14 (2)(D) arrest warrants, but a court may restrict access before service;
- 15 (2)(E) audit reports;
- 16 (2)(F) case files;
- 17 (2)(G) committee reports after release by the Judicial Council or the court that  
18 requested the study;
- 19 (2)(H) contracts entered into by the judicial branch and records of compliance with  
20 the terms of a contract;
- 21 (2)(I) drafts that were never finalized but were relied upon in carrying out an  
22 action or policy;
- 23 (2)(J) exhibits, but the judge may regulate or deny access to ensure the integrity  
24 of the exhibit, a fair trial or interests favoring closure;
- 25 (2)(K) financial records;
- 26 (2)(L) indexes approved by the Management Committee of the Judicial Council,  
27 including the following, in courts other than the juvenile court; an index may  
28 contain any other index information:
- 29 (2)(L)(i) amount in controversy;
- 30 (2)(L)(ii) attorney name;
- 31 (2)(L)(iii) licensed paralegal practitioner name;
- 32 (2)(L)(iv) case number;
- 33 (2)(L)(v) case status;
- 34 (2)(L)(vi) civil case type or criminal violation;
- 35 (2)(L)(vii) civil judgment or criminal disposition;

- 36 (2)(L)(viii) daily calendar;
- 37 (2)(L)(ix) file date;
- 38 (2)(L)(x) party name;
- 39 (2)(M) name, business address, business telephone number, and business email  
40 address of an adult person or business entity other than a party or a victim  
41 or witness of a crime;
- 42 (2)(N) name, address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, and last  
43 four digits of the following: driver's license number; social security number;  
44 or account number of a party;
- 45 (2)(O) name, business address, business telephone number, and business email  
46 address of a lawyer or licensed paralegal practitioner appearing in a case;
- 47 (2)(P) name, business address, business telephone number, and business email  
48 address of court personnel other than judges;
- 49 (2)(Q) name, business address, and business telephone number of judges;
- 50 (2)(R) name, gender, gross salary and benefits, job title and description, number  
51 of hours worked per pay period, dates of employment, and relevant  
52 qualifications of a current or former court personnel;
- 53 (2)(S) unless classified by the judge as private or safeguarded to protect the  
54 personal safety of the juror or the juror's family, the name of a juror  
55 empaneled to try a case, but only 10 days after the jury is discharged;
- 56 (2)(T) opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, and orders entered  
57 in open hearings;
- 58 (2)(U) order or decision classifying a record as not public;
- 59 (2)(V) private record if the subject of the record has given written permission to  
60 make the record public;
- 61 (2)(W) probation progress/violation reports;
- 62 (2)(X) publications of the administrative office of the courts;
- 63 (2)(Y) record in which the judicial branch determines or states an opinion on the  
64 rights of the state, a political subdivision, the public, or a person;
- 65 (2)(Z) record of the receipt or expenditure of public funds;
- 66 (2)(AA) record or minutes of an open meeting or hearing and the transcript of them;
- 67 (2)(BB) record of formal discipline of current or former court personnel or of a  
68 person regulated by the judicial branch if the disciplinary action has been  
69 completed, and all time periods for administrative appeal have expired, and  
70 the disciplinary action was sustained;
- 71 (2)(CC) record of a request for a record;
- 72 (2)(DD) reports used by the judiciary if all of the data in the report is public or the  
73 Judicial Council designates the report as a public record;
- 74 (2)(EE) rules of the Supreme Court and Judicial Council;

- 75 (2)(FF) search warrants, the application and all affidavits or other recorded  
76 testimony on which a warrant is based are public after they are unsealed  
77 under Utah Rule of Criminal Procedure 40;
- 78 (2)(GG) statistical data derived from public and non-public records but that disclose  
79 only public data; and
- 80 (2)(HH) notwithstanding subsections (6) and (7), if a petition, indictment, or  
81 information is filed charging a person 14 years of age or older with a felony  
82 or an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult, the petition,  
83 indictment or information, the adjudication order, the disposition order, and  
84 the delinquency history summary of the person are public records. The  
85 delinquency history summary shall contain the name of the person, a listing  
86 of the offenses for which the person was adjudged to be within the  
87 jurisdiction of the juvenile court, and the disposition of the court in each of  
88 those offenses.

89 **(3) Sealed Court Records.** The following court records are sealed:

- 90 (3)(A) records in the following actions:
- 91 (3)(A)(i) Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1 – Utah Adoption Act six months  
92 after the conclusion of proceedings, which are private until  
93 sealed;
- 94 (3)(A)(ii) Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part 8 – Gestational Agreement, six  
95 months after the conclusion of proceedings, which are  
96 private until sealed;
- 97 (3)(A)(iii) Section 76-7-304.5 – Consent required for abortions  
98 performed on minors; and
- 99 (3)(A)(iv) Section 78B-8-402 – Actions for disease testing;
- 100 (3)(B) expunged records;
- 101 (3)(C) orders authorizing installation of pen register or trap and trace device under  
102 Utah Code Section 77-23a-15;
- 103 (3)(D) records showing the identity of a confidential informant;
- 104 (3)(E) records relating to the possession of a financial institution by the  
105 commissioner of financial institutions under Utah Code Section 7-2-6;
- 106 (3)(F) wills deposited for safe keeping under Utah Code Section 75-2-901;
- 107 (3)(G) records designated as sealed by rule of the Supreme Court;
- 108 (3)(H) record of a Children's Justice Center investigative interview after the  
109 conclusion of any legal proceedings; and
- 110 (3)(I) other records as ordered by the court under Rule 4-202.04.

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112 **(4) Private Court Records.** The following court records are private:

- 113 (4)(A) records in the following actions:

- 114 (4)(A)(i) Section 62A-15-631, Involuntary commitment under court  
115 order;
- 116 (4)(A)(ii) Section 76-10-532, Removal from the National Instant Check  
117 System database;
- 118 (4)(A)(iii) Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah Adoption Act, until the  
119 records are sealed;
- 120 (4)(A)(iv) Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part 8, Gestational Agreement, until  
121 the records are sealed; and
- 122 (4)(A)(v) cases initiated in the district court by filing an abstract of a  
123 juvenile court restitution judgment.
- 124 (4)(B) records in the following actions, except that the case history, judgments,  
125 orders, decrees, letters of appointment, and the record of public hearings are  
126 public records:
- 127 (4)(B)(i) Title 30, Husband and Wife, including qualified domestic  
128 relations orders, except that an action for consortium due  
129 to personal injury under Section 30-2-11 is public;
- 130 (4)(B)(ii) Title 77, Chapter 3a, Stalking Injunctions;
- 131 (4)(B)(iii) Title 75, Chapter 5, Protection of Persons Under Disability  
132 and their Property;
- 133 (4)(B)(iv) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Protective Orders;
- 134 (4)(B)(v) Title 78B, Chapter 12, Utah Child Support Act;
- 135 (4)(B)(vi) Title 78B, Chapter 13, Utah Uniform Child Custody  
136 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act;
- 137 (4)(B)(vii) Title 78B, Chapter 14, Uniform Interstate Family Support  
138 Act;
- 139 (4)(B)(viii) Title 78B, Chapter 15, Utah Uniform Parentage Act; and
- 140 (4)(B)(ix) an action to modify or enforce a judgment in any of the  
141 actions in this subparagraph (B);
- 142 (4)(C) affidavit of indigency;
- 143 (4)(D) an affidavit supporting a motion to waive fees;
- 144 (4)(E) aggregate records other than public aggregate records under subsection (2);
- 145 (4)(F) alternative dispute resolution records;
- 146 (4)(G) applications for accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- 147 (4)(H) jail booking sheets;
- 148 (4)(I) citation, but an abstract of a citation that redacts all non-public information is  
149 public;
- 150 (4)(J) judgment information statement;
- 151 (4)(K) judicial review of final agency action under Utah Code Section 62A-4a-1009;
- 152 (4)(L) the following personal identifying information about a party: driver's license  
153 number, social security number, account description and number, password,  
154 identification number, maiden name and mother's maiden name, and similar  
155 personal identifying information;
- 156 (4)(M) the following personal identifying information about a person other than a  
157 party or a victim or witness of a crime: residential address, personal email

- 158 address, personal telephone number; date of birth, driver's license number,  
159 social security number, account description and number, password,  
160 identification number, maiden name, mother's maiden name, and similar  
161 personal identifying information;
- 162 (4)(N) medical, psychiatric, or psychological records;
- 163 (4)(O) name of a minor, except that the name of a minor party is public in the  
164 following district and justice court proceedings:
- 165 (4)(O)(i) name change of a minor;
- 166 (4)(O)(ii) guardianship or conservatorship for a minor;
- 167 (4)(O)(iii) felony, misdemeanor, or infraction;
- 168 (4)(O)(iv) protective orders and stalking injunctions; and  
169 (4)(O)(v) custody orders and decrees;
- 170 (4)(P) nonresident violator notice of noncompliance;
- 171 (4)(Q) personnel file of a current or former court personnel or applicant for  
172 employment;
- 173 (4)(R) photograph, film, or video of a crime victim;
- 174 (4)(S) record of a court hearing closed to the public or of a child's testimony taken  
175 under URCrP 15.5:
- 176 (4)(S)(i) permanently if the hearing is not traditionally open to the  
177 public and public access does not play a significant positive  
178 role in the process; or
- 179 (4)(S)(ii) if the hearing is traditionally open to the public, until the  
180 judge determines it is possible to release the record without  
181 prejudice to the interests that justified the closure;
- 182 (4)(T) record submitted by a senior judge or court commissioner regarding  
183 performance evaluation and certification;
- 184 (4)(U) record submitted for in camera review until its public availability is determined;
- 185 (4)(V) reports of investigations by Child Protective Services;
- 186 (4)(W) victim impact statements;
- 187 (4)(X) name of a prospective juror summoned to attend court, unless classified by  
188 the judge as safeguarded to protect the personal safety of the prospective  
189 juror or the prospective juror's family;
- 190 (4)(Y) records filed pursuant to Rules 52 - 59 of the Utah Rules of Appellate  
191 Procedure, except briefs filed pursuant to court order;
- 192 (4)(Z) records in a proceeding under Rule 60 of the Utah Rules of Appellate  
193 Procedure; and
- 194 (4)(AA) other records as ordered by the court under Rule 4-202.04.
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- 196 **(5) Protected Court Records.** The following court records are protected:
- 197 (5)(A) attorney's work product, including the mental impressions or legal theories of  
198 an attorney or other representative of the courts concerning litigation,  
199 privileged communication between the courts and an attorney representing,  
200 retained, or employed by the courts, and records prepared solely in

- 201 anticipation of litigation or a judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative  
 202 proceeding;
- 203 (5)(B) records that are subject to the attorney client privilege;
- 204 (5)(C) bids or proposals until the deadline for submitting them has closed;
- 205 (5)(D) budget analyses, revenue estimates, and fiscal notes of proposed legislation  
 206 before issuance of the final recommendations in these areas;
- 207 (5)(E) budget recommendations, legislative proposals, and policy statements, that if  
 208 disclosed would reveal the court's contemplated policies or contemplated  
 209 courses of action;
- 210 (5)(F) court security plans;
- 211 (5)(G) investigation and analysis of loss covered by the risk management fund;
- 212 (5)(H) memorandum prepared by staff for a member of any body charged by law  
 213 with performing a judicial function and used in the decision-making process;
- 214 (5)(I) confidential business records under Utah Code Section 63G-2-309;
- 215 (5)(J) record created or maintained for civil, criminal, or administrative enforcement  
 216 purposes, audit or discipline purposes, or licensing, certification or  
 217 registration purposes, if the record reasonably could be expected to:
- 218 (5)(J)(i) interfere with an investigation;
- 219 (5)(J)(ii) interfere with a fair hearing or trial;
- 220 (5)(J)(iii) disclose the identity of a confidential source; or
- 221 (5)(J)(iv) concern the security of a court facility;
- 222 (5)(K) record identifying property under consideration for sale or acquisition by the  
 223 court or its appraised or estimated value unless the information has been  
 224 disclosed to someone not under a duty of confidentiality to the courts;
- 225 (5)(L) record that would reveal the contents of settlement negotiations other than the  
 226 final settlement agreement;
- 227 (5)(M) record the disclosure of which would impair governmental procurement or give  
 228 an unfair advantage to any person;
- 229 (5)(N) record the disclosure of which would interfere with supervision of an offender's  
 230 incarceration, probation, or parole;
- 231 (5)(O) record the disclosure of which would jeopardize life, safety, or property;
- 232 (5)(P) strategy about collective bargaining or pending litigation;
- 233 (5)(Q) test questions and answers;
- 234 (5)(R) trade secrets as defined in Utah Code Section 13-24-2;
- 235 (5)(S) record of a Children's Justice Center investigative interview before the  
 236 conclusion of any legal proceedings;
- 237 (5)(T) presentence investigation report;
- 238 (5)(U) except for those filed with the court, records maintained and prepared by  
 239 juvenile probation; and
- 240 (5)(V) other records as ordered by the court under Rule 4-202.04.
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- 242 **(6) Juvenile Court Social Records.** The following are juvenile court social records:
- 243 (6)(A) correspondence relating to juvenile social records;

- 244 (6)(B) custody evaluations, parent-time evaluations, parental fitness evaluations,  
245 substance abuse evaluations, domestic violence evaluations;  
246 (6)(C) medical, psychological, psychiatric evaluations;  
247 (6)(D) pre-disposition and social summary reports;  
248 (6)(E) probation agency and institutional reports or evaluations;  
249 (6)(F) referral reports;  
250 (6)(G) report of preliminary inquiries; and  
251 (6)(H) treatment or service plans.

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253 **(7) Juvenile Court Legal Records.** The following are juvenile court legal records:

- 254 (7)(A) accounting records;  
255 (7)(B) discovery filed with the court;  
256 (7)(C) pleadings, summonses, subpoenas, motions, affidavits, calendars, minutes,  
257 findings, orders, decrees;  
258 (7)(D) name of a party or minor;  
259 (7)(E) record of a court hearing;  
260 (7)(F) referral and offense histories  
261 (7)(G) and any other juvenile court record regarding a minor that is not designated as  
262 a social record.

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264 **(8) Safeguarded Court Records.** The following court records are safeguarded:

- 265 (8)(A) upon request, location information, contact information, and identity  
266 information other than name of a petitioner and other persons to be protected  
267 in an action filed under Title 77, Chapter 3a, Stalking Injunctions or Title 78B,  
268 Chapter 7, Protective Orders;  
269 (8)(B) upon request, location information, contact information and identity information  
270 other than name of a party or the party's child after showing by affidavit that  
271 the health, safety, or liberty of the party or child would be jeopardized by  
272 disclosure in a proceeding under Title 78B, Chapter 13, Utah Uniform Child  
273 Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act or Title 78B, Chapter 14, Uniform  
274 Interstate Family Support Act or Title 78B, Chapter 15, Utah Uniform  
275 Parentage Act;  
276 (8)(C) location information, contact information, and identity information of  
277 prospective jurors on the master jury list or the qualified jury list;  
278 (8)(D) location information, contact information, and identity information other than  
279 name of a prospective juror summoned to attend court;  
280 (8)(E) the following information about a victim or witness of a crime:  
281 (8)(E)(i) business and personal address, email address, telephone  
282 number, and similar information from which the person can  
283 be located or contacted;  
284 (8)(E)(ii) date of birth, driver's license number, social security number,  
285 account description and number, password, identification  
286 number, maiden name, mother's maiden name, and similar  
287 personal identifying information.

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